

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) A method for screening a candidate medicament for treatment and/or prevention of an apoptosis-associated disease which comprises ~~the step of~~ adding a candidate medicament to be tested, NADE (p75^{NTR}-associated cell death executor) and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE, in a system, and detecting and determining the effect on the binding between NADE (p75^{NTR}-associated cell death executor) and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE in the presence of a candidate medicament to be tested.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the candidate medicament tested is selected as a candidate of an effective medicament when the candidate medicament inhibits or increases the ~~interaction~~ binding between NADE and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, which comprises
(a) allowing NADE and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE to ~~interact~~ bind with each other in the presence of the candidate medicament to be tested,
(b) allowing NADE and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE to ~~interact~~ bind with

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each other in the absence of the candidate medicament to be tested,

(c) detecting the ~~interactions~~ bindings in (a) and (b), and

(d) comparing the ~~interactions~~ bindings in (a) and (b)

(e) choosing the candidate medicament having an effect on the ~~interaction~~ binding when compared to the ~~interaction~~ binding in the absence of the candidate medicament as a candidate for an effective medicament.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the medicament tested is selected as a candidate for an effective medicament when the medicament decreases or increases the ~~interaction~~ binding of a NADE-apoptosis related protein complex.

Claim 8. (new) A method for screening a candidate medicament for treatment and/or prevention of an apoptosis-associated disease which comprises adding a candidate medicament to be tested, NADE (p75NTR-associated cell death executor) and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE, in a system, and detecting and determining the effect on the binding between NADE and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE in the presence of a candidate medicament, wherein the apoptosis relating protein which binds to NADE is chosen from the group consisting of 14-3-3 protein, NIK/HGK protein, P33 ING relative protein, eIF4G protein and Huntington-binding protein 1.